

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010
7:00 P.M.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: May 24, 2010

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. 7:05 P.M: Application from American Legion Post 152, 117 Latham Street, for a Change of Manager from former Commander George Sylvester to present Commander, Kevin P. Hamel for its All Alcohol Beverage Club license.

B. 7:10 P.M: Application from Berkshire Five Corners, d/b/a Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, for a Change of Manager from Robert M. Walsh to Michael Lewis for its Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License.

4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

A. Request from American Legion Post 152, 117 Latham Street, for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License on the lot next to the American Legion, Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 10 a.m. to Midnight under a tent for a golf tournament, Kevin Hamel, Commander.

5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:

A. Williamstown Housing Authority Election (K. Connors)

B. Saulnier Drive Block Party (Greig-Williams)

C. Water & Sewer Warrant - \$190,224.99

D. August Meeting Schedule

6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

9. ADJOURN:

Next Selectmen meeting – Monday, June 28, 2010

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Present: Ronald Turbin, Chairman, Thomas E. Sheldon, David A. Rempell, Jane B. Allen

Absent: Tom Costley

Others Present: Kevin Hamel, Michael Lewis, Mary Kennedy, Richard Hamblin, Kathleen Thompson, Kathleen Connors, Betty Ann LaBombard, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: Mr. Turbin said he is grateful to the Board for their electing him Chairman and that the past three chairmen he has served with have been excellent mentors for him. He thanked Mr. Sheldon for agreeing to serve as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Turbin said that last month's election was an exciting one, promoting the democratic process and bringing important issues forward. He also congratulated those who ran whether they won or not. He encouraged those who want to serve the Town to contact Kathy Poirot to get a list of the openings on Town Boards and Committees. Mr. Turbin congratulated Mr. Fohlin on his tenth anniversary in serving the Town of Williamstown and thanked him for his excellent service.

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: May 24, 2010 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the May 24, 2010 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Application from American Legion Post 152, 117 Latham Street, for a Change of Manager from former Commander George Sylvester to present Commander, Kevin P. Hamel, for its All Alcohol Beverage Club license. Mr. Sheldon moved to open the public hearing. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hamel said the American Legion is asking for a change of manager because Mr. Sylvester is no longer the Commander. He requested Selectmen approve him as the new manager of the alcohol license. Ms. Allen told Mr. Hamel that he is required to take the TIPS alcohol server training along with any bartenders who are not trained that work at the American Legion. She added that the liquor license responsibility is Mr. Hamel's who has no prior experience in managing a liquor license. Ms. Allen said according to compliance records, the American Legion had a failure in 2006 but a good record since. Ms. Allen moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Allen moved to approve the request from the American Legion Post 152, 117 Latham Street, for a Change of Manager from former Commander George Sylvester to present Commander, Kevin P. Hamel, for its All Alcohol Beverage Club license. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Application from Berkshire Five Corners, d/b/a Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, for a Change of Manager from Robert M. Walsh to Michael Lewis for its Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License. Ms. Allen moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Allen noted Mr. Lewis' Form A of the Liquor License application, that he has appeared in criminal court with offenses described as driving while license suspended and an assault and battery, breaking and entering and intimidating a witness (10/09) that was dismissed with prejudice. Mr. Lewis explained the suspended license was due to an unpaid speeding ticket and that has been paid and that the other offense was dismissed by the judge. He said there was a written complaint

and it was a misunderstanding caused by someone who was angry with him. Mr. Lewis discussed the issue with the prosecutor and judge and the complaint was dismissed with prejudice. Mr. Lewis said his prior experience managing a liquor license is limited but he did take the TIPS training on-line today and will provide a copy of the certificate to the selectmen. He also plans to send untrained employees to the training on June 28. Ms. Allen noted that the Store at Five Corners has had 100% compliance and told Mr. Lewis that this reputation should be kept up. Mr. Turbin thanked Mr. Lewis for his truthfulness on his application. Ms. Allen moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Allen moved to approve the request from Berkshire Five Corners, d/b/a Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, for a Change of Manager from Robert M. Walsh to Michael Lewis for its Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:

A. Williamstown Housing Authority Election (K. Connors) - Ms. Kennedy said that at the May annual election, there was an open seat on the Housing Authority. There were write-ins and the Mr. Harsch, with the most votes, declined the seat. Ms. Connors had the second most votes and accepted the nomination to the seat. In order to elect Ms. Connors, a joint meeting of the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen need to hold an election. Mr. Sheldon asked Ms. Connors what prompted her interest in the Housing Authority? Ms. Connors stated she felt she could be an asset to the Housing Authority with her insight due to her experience as a landlord for many years and that she would like to serve the Town. Ms. Thompson moved to elect Ms. Connors to the Williamstown Housing Authority. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote, Kathleen Thompson, yes, Richard Hamblin, yes, Mary Kennedy, yes, Thomas Sheldon, yes, David Rempell, yes, Ronald Turbin, yes, and Jane Allen, yes.

B. Saulnier Drive Block Party – Ms. Allen moved to approve Maria Grieg-Williams request to hold the Saulnier Drive Block Party as in years past. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Water & Sewer Warrant - \$190,224.99 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$190,224.99. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. August Meeting Schedule – Mr. Rempell moved to not schedule a meeting on August 23, 2010 with the understanding that if a meeting is needed, it will be scheduled. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached.

8. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rempell asked if landfill stickers were on sale yet in the Treasurer's office. Mr. Fohlin said they went on sale this month.

Mr. Rempell announced a forum sponsored by the Williamstown Democratic Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. with the two candidates running for Berkshire County Sheriff.

Ms. Allen relayed an e-mail message from Mount Greylock Regional School District Superintendent Bill Travis that five seats on the MGRSD School Committee will be up for election at the November elections. The following terms expire: Williamstown residents Carrie Green, David Langston, and David Archibald. Lanesborough residents are Ronald Tinkham and Robert Ericson. Those wishing to become a candidate must submit nomination papers to the local Registrars of Voters for certification no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20.

9. ADJOURN: Ms. Allen moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, June 28, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen, Secretary

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